of the country. The unity and integrity of the country is seriously threatened. People, innocent people, are being assassinated. Subversive activities are going on in various parts of the country. Now, the Ananda Margis are adding further strength to these subversive activities.

Therefore, before it is too late, the Government of India should take stern action against the Ananda Marg so that their activities of destablilisation are stopped and the smuggling of arms by them from Pakistan is also curbed. The Government of India should be alert and take proper action against them.

I would request the hon. Home Minitter to make a statement on the activities of the Ananda Marg and steps taken to control the situation. Thank you.

DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, the Ananda Marg has a history of violence. We condemn their activities. I would request the Home Minister to take firm action against theif illegal activities.

REFERENCE TO BOMB BLAST IN DANAUR-RAJGIR PASSENGER TRAIN

शंकर श्री **शंकर दयाल सिंह** (बिहार): महोदया, 23 अप्रैल, 1990 को पटना के निकट फतुहा स्टेशन के पास 412 डाउन दानापुर-राजगीर पैसेंजर ट्रेन मे बम विस्फोट के कारण 40-50 यात्रियों का गंभीर रूप से घायल होना एक दुखद घटना है। महोदया, इस संबंध में मैं आपसे यह अनुरोध करना चाहूंगा कि यह वही जगह है जहां इस घटना के लगभग एक सप्ताह पहले गैस के कारण ट्रेन में भयानक रूप मे जो दुर्घटना हुई थी जिसमे लगभग एक सौ व्यक्तियों की जानें गयी थी और विगत 26 या 27 तारीख को ठीक उसी जगह फतुहा के पास ट्रेन में भीषण डकैती हुई थी हावडा-अमृतसर मेल मे और इसीलिए मैं आपसे यह अनुरोध करना चाहता हूं कि इस बात की तहकीकात होनी चाहिए कि बार बार इसी जगह जो पटना, फतुहा या उसके नजदीक की जो जगह है वहां असामाजिक तत्वों, आतंकवादियों का एक अड्डा सा बन गया है, जैसा कि अखबारों मे रिपोर्ट आयी है। महोदया, उससे यह पता चलता है कि जांच की रिपोर्ट मे भी डिस्ट्रिक्ट एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन ने यह स्वीकार किया है कि वहां जमे हुए जो आतंकवादी हैं, असामाजिक तत्व हैं उनके कारण इस तरह की वारदातें हुई हैं महोदया, मैं आपसे अनुरोध करना चाहूंगा। इन दिनों रेलों में इस तरह की घटनायें हो रही हैं। बम विस्फोट की घटनायें, लूट की घटनायें हत्या की घटनायें और बिहार में बहुत बड़ी संख्या में यह घटनायें हो रही हैं इसके ऊपर सरकार से अनुरोध करूंगा मैं कि एक स्टेटमेंट आना चाहिए, सरकार से अनुरोध करूंगा कि जांच होनी चाहिए और सरकार से मैं अनुरोध करूंगा कि जो ऐसे जो असामाजिक तत्व हैं, जिनके कारण इन दिनों ट्रेनों मे लूट, हत्या और इस तरह की घटनायें बढ गयी हैं इसके प्रति सख्ती बरते, नहीं तो पूरे बिहार में इस समय कोई भी दिन ऐसा नहीं जाता है जबकि दो या तीन घटनायें इस तरह की नहीं हों, इसके साथ मैं यह भी चाहूंगा कि इस संबंध मे रेल मंत्री महोदय जो कि बिहार से ही चुन कर आये है वे सदन के सामने अपना एक वक्तव्य दें। धन्यवाद।

STATEMENT BY MINISTER
Declaration of 'May day' as a national Holiday

संसदीय कार्य और पर्यटन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सत्यपाल मलिक): मान्यवर, मुझे यह बताते हुए बड़ी खुशी है कि . . .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Malik, let me, first of all, welcome you as the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs. You will be sitting in the Rajya Sabha. You belonged to this House before you defected to the other House. We hope, your sentiments will be with us and not with the other House.

संसदीय कार्य और पर्यटन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सत्यपाल मलिक) : मैं बहुत-बहुत आभारी हूं और बहुत प्यार से आपने मुझे बाहर भेजा था और बहुत प्यार से लोगों ने वापिस भेज दिया, बहुत-बहुत शुक्रिया । आप सबका आशीर्वाद और सहयोग मिलेगा तो मैं समझता हूं कि अच्छी तरह हम काम कर पायेंगे ।

मुझे यह बताते हुए बडी खुशी हो रही है कि आज सवेरे सदन में आप सबकी जो भावनायें थी उसके मुताबिक माननीय प्रधान मंत्री जी ने यह निर्णय किया है कि कल मई दिवस के रूप में मई दिवस को राष्ट्रीय छुट्टी के रूप में मनाया जाए ।

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): We congratulate the Government on taking this step.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): is very first announcement is a sweet announcent.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): We congratulate the Government...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The entire House, including the Chair, congratultes.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Never before such a thing has been done.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We also congratulate the workers for whom the holiday is being given.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Maharashtra): Workers will not work on May Day.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. They should celebrate some day.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Madam, we are extremely happy because it was the D.M.K. Government which declared a holiday on May Day, in 1970. Now, the National Front Government, which we have joined, has done this. The credit goes to our party.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Whoever's effort it is, it is a good effort.

SPECIAL MENTIONS—contd.

Frequent incidents of fire in Delhi

SHRI KAPIL VERMA (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, there is a great concern at the spate of myterious fires that have taken place in various parts of the nation's capital. The capital's landmark Vigyan Bhawan has been destroyed. There have been fires and thousands of jhuggis have been destroyed, thousands of poor people have been rendered homeless. There had been fire in the Selampur Power Station. The timing of the Vigyan Bhawan fire is mysterious. Two conferences were going on at that time. Conference of the Chiefs of police, cream of the police, was taking place and the fire started from the Committee room itself where the conference was being held. I want to know whether there was any sabotage, or some terrorists were behind this fire.

Secondly, the press reports show that two days before the fire took place the Fire Department of Delhi had inspected the building. Did they not find anything fishy? It is said that there were no facilities for extinguishing the fire. If that is so, what is the use of inspecting the building by the Fire Department? Then there was fire in Nirman Bhawan also. When I went into the matter, I was surprised to find a fire officer saying that about 158 high-rise buildings in Delhi were fire-prone. These buildings have been declared fire-prone. Two years earlier the fire officers had written to the CPWD that there was risk of fire to Vigyan Bhawan. And among the 158 buildings which have been declared fire-prone are some of the most sensitive and highly secretive buildings, like Air Headquarters.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Not the Rajya Sabha. We have too many sparks here already.